

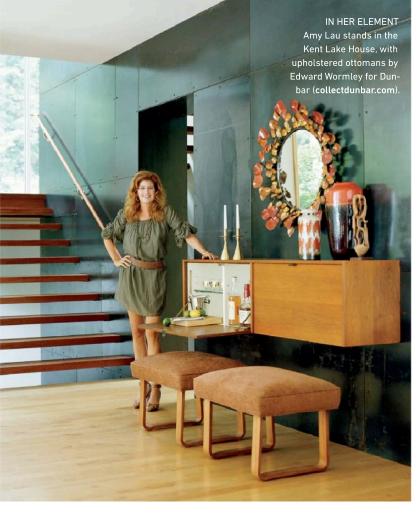
Kent Lake House

Constructed on a dramatically sloped wooded lot overlooking Sagamore Lake in Kent, New York, this 2,400-square-foot home provides a weekend escape for its Manhattan-based owners. Lau's finished design melds beautifully with the contemporary yet classic architectural design by Resolution 4 Architecture (re4a.com). Her inspiration came from the home's setting and is reflected in her use of warm, earthy colors and natural finishes that mirror the surrounding landscape, including hardwood floors throughout the home. However, Lau's custom touch was "a handcrafted twig fire screen composed of hand-bent rods, exemplifying the organic lines of trees," she says.

An Arizona native, Lau founded her Manhattan-based firm in 2001, in the West Chelsea arts district. Since its inception, the firm has attracted prestigious residential and commercial clients while Lau has been lauded as "a young designer to watch" in numerous trade periodicals and featured in multiple design and decor magazines, including LUXE, Metropolitan Home, Elle Decor, New York Spaces, Gotham, Interior Design, and House & Garden.

As far as her design style, Lau says it continuously changes. "I have a design lab in my head—I am constantly pulling references from things I have seen or experienced in history and in nature," she says. "I feed my mental design file by attending as many art shows as I can find, both locally and around the world."

Of course, Lau's work is driven by the interests of her clients, and her work's signature is creating a special "heirloom piece"





"On a walk around the property is where I found my inspiration for this space. The natural surroundings and the colors of fall are seen throughout this living room."





